GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2316
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UNUTILIZED STOCK OF PRINTING PAPER
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government Presses at Temple-Street, Santragach, Nilokheri, Faridabad (PLU) and Bhubaneshwar have unutilized stock of printing paper amounting to Rs.22.05 lakhs as on 31.3.2000 which had been purchased prior to 1.4.1996;

(b) whether CAG in its observation recorded that there is a huge loss of interest due to blockade of funds and deterioration in quality of printing paper; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a)to(c): A Special Investigation team of Audit had pointed out in their report that printing paper worth Rs.22.05 lakhs purchased prior to 1.4.1996 was lying unutilized. It had also pointed out that blockade of funds has resulted in loss of interest and had apprehended deterioration in the quality of paper.

Paper is the main/basic raw-material for printing Presses and every Press has to keep stock of paper of different varieties to meet its requirement. The stock of paper referred to is not high when compared with the annual consuption of paper worth about Rs.30 crores. Further this stock of paper is being utilized and the paper has not lost their value and utility. The audit has been apprised of the position.